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# Coventioning From Coast to Coast

IOWA STATE really went conventioning in the spring of '38. With fortunate delegates attending conventions from coast to coast, Iowa State was well represented in all the major meetings of the home economics honorary organi-



zations as well as the national meeting of the American Home Economics Association itself.

Helen Clark, Tech. Jl. Sr., zoomed across the continent to Los Angeles as a representative to the Theta Sigma Phi convention. Theta Sigma Phi is a national honorary organization for journalists and Helen is the president of the chapter at Iowa State.

Dorothy Parrish, A. A. Jr., and Dorothy Coe, A. A. Sr., with palette and brush in hand also were westward bound for an artist's haven at Boulder, Colorado, as representatives of Delta Phi Delta, national art honorary. With headquarters at Blanchard's Lodge, they had the privilege of meeting and watching renowned artists.

Eight Iowa staters: Betty Whipple, H. Ec. Sr.; Marguerite Root, H. Ec. Sr.; Dorothy Root, H. Ec. So.; Alice Atchley, H. Ec. So.; Florence Valencourt, H. Ec. Jr.; Mary Jane Telin, H. Ec. Sr.; Ruth Howie, H. Ec. Sr.; and Frances Lennon, H. Ec. Jr., invaded Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, thankful for the opportunity of spending a week in the serenity of the Y. W. C. A. camp with blue water, white sailboats and truly golden sunsets.

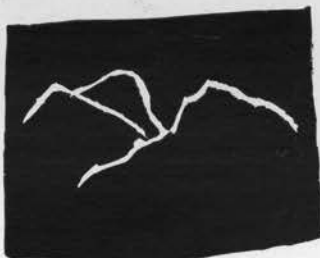
Now I come to the place where I know more whereof I speak. Dorothy Evans and I were fortunate enough to represent Omicron chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron at its national conclave at Washington, D. C., in June. It gave a marvelous opportunity for meeting and becoming personally acquainted with national figures of the organization as well as sisters of the society from all parts of the United States.

Perhaps the most important thing a convention of this kind gives is notebook after notebook crammed full of notes to bring back to your chapter.

by Alvina Iverson

The delegates to a convention, without a doubt, get the most direct benefit but they don't get the maximum good until they bring the convention back to Iowa State.

In Washington, one of the tours most interesting to us was a visit to the Bureau of Home Economics where we watched experts test the strength of fabrics, the shortening power of fats and



the tastiness of meats. Iowa State's laboratories on a colossal scale!

But the meeting which probably was most important of all, particularly to the student body as a whole, was the annual meeting of the American Home Economics Association at Pittsburgh.

And did Iowa State shine in the Steel City!

Represented by three official delegates of the Home Economics Club, and Marian Rahn as national president of the college group, Dorothy Evans as a visiting delegate and myself as a glad-to-be-there employee of the convention as well as faculty representatives, who are all recognized as outstanding leaders in home economics, Iowa State made a conspicuous showing. Official Home Economics Club delegates were Marguerite Root, president of the local chapter; Winnifred Cannon, president of the freshmen club, and June Ary, representative from the Foods and Nutrition Club.

I can't resist mentioning the recognized prominence of Iowa State in Home Economics. In Pittsburgh, as well as in Washington, it was a common expression whenever anything was up for discussion to hear "What does Iowa State think about it?"

Extra curricular activities included a visit to the steel mills, to Chatham Village, to the Civic Centers and industrial plants in the famous city. I'm going to leave the details of the Pittsburgh convention, as well as the others, to the delegates who will tell you all about it at their first opportunity

## All Aboard for Mortar Board

by Jane Currie

AT Troutdale-in-the-Pines, high in the Rocky Mountains, representatives of Mortar Board, national women's honorary for college seniors who have attained high scholarship, who have served their Alma Mater, and who are acknowledged leaders of college life, spent four delightful convention days.

There were 67 official delegates, one from each collegiate Mortar Board chapter, and many alumnae visitors at this triennial meeting of Mortar Board. Everyone was in a high pitch of excitement, greeting old friends, or meeting new ones from all over the United States.

The natural beauty of the surroundings—clear summer sky, towering snow-capped mountain peaks, majestic evergreen trees, vivid blue mountain-rimmed lakes, rushing mountain streams, riotous wild flowers—was delightfully stimulating to the discussion of problems of all camps and the finding of new projects for individual Mortar Board chapters to undertake.

Every minute of convention was an exciting experience for me. Each day after our meeting, we were free to enjoy a varied program of entertainment which included swimming in the icy water, horseback riding, golf, hiking, and a steak fry up on one of the nearby



peaks—a rare treat of the convention. Interesting talks by charming authorities, lasting friendships with grand personalities, and the exchange of ideas on every phase of college life combined to impress me with the all-inclusive scope of Mortar Board.